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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

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1. MEDIA PLAY ON NEGOTIATIONS HAS CONTINUED LIGHT TO MODERATE. "REPUBLICA" FOR JULY 18 (ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL GOP SPOKESMAN) SAID NEGOTIATIONS THAT AFTERNOON WERE TO DEAL WITH UNRESOLVED ASPECTS OF LANDS AND WATERS, DEFENSE SITES, LABOR PROBLEMS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. ARTICLE NOTED ADDITION OF AFSCME LEADERS MAUGE AND ANDERSON AS ADVISERS TO PANAMANIAN TEAM, AND REPEATED FOREIGN MINISTER'S WEEKEND DENIAL THAT PANAMA HAD AGREED TO ANY US RIGHT OF INTERVENTION AFTER CANAL TREATY TERMINATES.

2. EVENING OF JULY 18, TV CHANNEL 2 CARRIED NEWS ITEM ATTRIBUTED TO "EXTRA-OFFICIAL SOURCES" CONFIRMING THAT CONCEPTUAL ACCORDS BETWEEN PANAMA AND US ON NEUTRALITY AND DEFENSE OF CANAL EXPLICITLY PROHIBIT ACTS OF INTERVENTION BY US. ITEM WAS REPRINTED VERBATIM IN "MATUTINO" FOR JULY 19 BUT DID NOT APPEAR IN OTHER PAPERS (FBIS/PANAMA PA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. ONLY OTHER DIRECT TREATY COVERAGE JULY 19 IS TONGUE-IN-CHEEK (WE HOPE) SUGGESTION BY "CRITICA", FOR SECOND DAY RUNNING, THAT PANAMANIAN-CITIZEN US BASEBALL STAR RODNEY CAREW BE ADDED TO PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM.

4. IN COLLATERAL ITEM, "STAR AND HERALD" CARRIED
RELEASE BY AFGE LOCAL 14 CHARGING PANCANAL WITH REVERSE
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US CITIZENS IN PERSONNEL
OPERATIONS (COPY POUCHED ARA/PAN).

5. US NEGOTIATORS MAY WISH TO BE AWARE THAT JULY 19
IS BIRTHDAY OF PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATOR EDWIN FABREGA.

6. DEPT MAY ALSO WISH TO KNOW THAT ON JULY 12, FICE-
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SENT LETTER DIRECTLY
TO PAUL SIMONEAU, PANCANAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LABOR
RELATIONS, REQUESTING THAT MAUGE AND ANDERSON BE EXTENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS AS LABOR CONSULTANTS TO GOP NEGOTIATING TEAM.
SIMONEAU (SPEAKING ALSO ON BEHALF OF ARMY, ANDERSON'S
EMPLOYER) RESPONDED ON JULY 15 THAT PANCANAL AND ARMY WOULD
POSE NO BAR TO THEIR TRAVEL BUT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE
COULD NOT BE GRANTED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

7. FURTHER TO PARA 6 REFTTEL, COPY OF SUNDAY'S LETTER
FROM GROUP OF LAWYERS ON NONINTERVENTION/NEUTRALITY
POUCHED ARA/PAN. FOR INFORMATION OF DEPT, FOLLOWING
IS BIO INFORMATION ON SOME OF SIGNERS FROM EMBASSY
RECORDS:

A. BELIZ, ARIEL: 1968 CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF
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NATIONAL PATRIOTIC COALITION (CPN).

B. FAUNDES, JOSE MANUEL: PROMINENT TRIAL LAWYER
AND PANAMENISTA POLITICIAN PRIOR TO 1968. DELIVERED
CAUSTIC CRITIQUE OVER RADIO IMPACTO IN 1971 THAT LED
TO STATION'S TEMPORARY SUSPENSION UNDER DECREE 343
AND TO FAUNDES' SUBSEQUENT JAILING FOR 90 DAYS FOR
VIOLATION OF DECREE 342.

C. FAUNDES, JOSE MANUEL JR.: PANAMENISTA CANDIDATE
FOR PANAMA CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PRE-1968.

D. VELASQUEZ, DR. OSVALDO: FORMER CHIEF OF
OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC, SANTO TOMAS HOSPITAL. ASSOCIATED
WITH ANTI-TORRIJOS NON-LEFT OPPOSITION GROUPS SINCE
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